THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) In the on-going negotiations on the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Agreement on Agriculture, India has taken the stand that tariff reductions should be made from the bound rates on the basis of a tiered formula as provided in the July 2004 Framework Agreement. The G-20, of which India is a member, favours straight linear cuts within tier of the tariff reduction formula, with proportionately lower commitments by developing Members as compared with those by developed Members. India, along with other Members of the WTO holding similar interests and concerns, have demanded that all forms of export subsidies must be eliminated by a credible end-date, and all forms of trade-distorting support provided by developed countries to their agriculture sector must be substantially reduced. India has also taken the stand that a meaningful and operational special and differential treatment for developing countries must be an integral part of all aspects of the negotiations, including to ensure food security, livelihood security and address the rural development needs of their producers through the instruments of Special Products and the new Special Safeguard Mechanism for developing Members.

(b) In the negotiations so far, many developed countries have submitted proposals to reduce tariffs and domestic support. However, divergences exist among various Members in the WTO, *inter alia*, on the the quantum of reductions in tariffs and domestic support that should be committed to by developed Members and other rules and disciplines applicable on various forms of domestic support programmes. It has already been agreed to eliminate all forms of export subsidies, though the end-date and other details are still under negotiation.

(c) No, Sir.

SEZ in Andhra Pradesh

11. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals under consideration for setting up Special Economic Zones (SEZs), State-wise, particularly Andhra Pradesh;

(b) how many of these units are product specific with State-wise details;

(c) when are these units likely to be set up; and

(d) what is the expected employment generation in these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) 71 proposals recently received for setting up of Special Economic Zones are under the consideration of the Government. The state-wise break up of product specific and multi product Special Economic Zones, under consideration is as under:—

Name of the State	Product Specific SEZ	Multi-product SEZ	Free Trade Warehousing Zones	Total
Andhra Pradesh	6	—	—	6
Maharashtra	18	—	1	19
Karnataka	5	—	—	5
Tamil Nadu	12	1	1	14
Haryana	7	—	—	7
Rajasthan	2	—	—	2
Uttar Pradesh	6	—	1	7
Punjab	1	—	—	1
West Bengal	4	—	—	4
Delhi	1	—	—	1
Kerala	1	—	1	2
Gujarat	2	—	1	3
TOTAL	65	1	5	71

(c) and (d) Since these 71 SEZs are at the project formulation stage, it may not be possible at this stage to indicate when the units are likely to be set up in these zones or the employment likely to be generated by the units.